IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/638,099 Applicant : Gallucci et al. Filed : 08/07/2003

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Examiner : Thao T. Tran

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to and within two months of the Office Action dated November 15, 2006.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, please amend the above-identified application to place the case in better condition for allowance.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 8, and 10-23 are pending in the present application. Claims 3, 12-14, 20, and 23 were previously withdrawn from consideration and have now been canceled without prejudice. No claims have been amended. So, claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 15-19, 21, and 22 remain for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment. No new matter has been introduced. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.